

Medi-Cal Program Guide (MPG) Special Notice 08-06

April 29, 2008

Subject	ECONOMIC STIMULUS ACT OF 2008
Effective Date	Upon receipt
References	ACWDL 08-12
Purpose	The purpose of this Special Notice is to inform staff of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 and the treatment of related income for the purposes of determining Medi-Cal eligibility and share of cost.
Background	The Economic Stimulus Act of 2008 was signed into law by President George W. Bush on February 13, 2008. This amendment to the tax code allows a credit for individuals (\$600) and married couples (\$1,200) for the first taxable year beginning in 2008.
Changes	Credits or refunds received under this stimulus bill must not be counted as income or resources in the month of receipt and for the following two months for the purpose of determining Medi-Cal eligibility or share of cost.
Required Action	<p>When an applicant/beneficiary states that a payment received is from the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, workers will exempt the payment from both income and property consideration for 3 months including and beginning with the month of receipt. Applicants/beneficiaries are not required to show proof that the income is from the Economic Stimulus Act. Workers must document this statement and the months that the payment is exempt in the case file.</p> <p>Workers must not take a negative action on a case solely because an applicant/beneficiary does not report a payment received from the Economic Stimulus Act.</p>

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**Automation
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These payments must be exempted manually at intake and for ongoing cases as CalWIN will not be updated for this one time payment.

Forms Impact

No impact

**Quality
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Effective with the May 2008 sample month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the requirements of this Special Notice.

**Manager
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